

ALL THE NEWS OF KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, THAT'S NEWS

LOCALS.

Mrs. Hayes, 322 Parallel avenue, is on the sick list. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

Emery, 312 Greeley. She spent the day in showing him around the city in her beautiful car.

Mr. Frank Jennings of the 805th Pioneer Infantry spent Sunday in the city, the guest of his sister, Mrs. McNeal.

McNeal & Swancy, the fair dealing real estate men, say they have plenty of fine houses and can sell them at reasonable rates. Read their advertisement in this issue.

The Kansas City Band boys went to Richmond, Mo., on the Fourth, where they played for a big picnic. They report a fine time.

Mrs. C. H. James, 320 Garfield avenue, has treated her palatial home to a beautiful coat of paint which adds very much to its already fine looks.

Prof. G. A. Gregg has returned from Cleveland, O., where he was in attendance at the N. A. A. C. P. He reports a fine trip and an excellent session.

A Negro sneak-thief was captured by the citizens of North 4th street Saturday after a very exciting chase. He had sneaked into one of the neighboring houses.

Mrs. C. A. Anderson and children of Bastrop, Texas, are the guests of Mrs. Anderson's mother, Mrs. M. J. Kellough and sister, Miss M. O. Kellough, 636 Georgia Ave.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. James, 820 Garfield avenue, will leave in a few days for a visit to Chicago, Detroit, Canada and New York. We wish them a pleasant trip and an enjoyable visit.

We are glad to greet the Third street boys who have returned from France. Several of them that passed through on the 3rd are back, having been mustered out of the service.

Dr. Charles P. Washington, who has been located at 436 Minnesota avenue, has moved into his new quarters at 405 Minnesota avenue. Dr. Washington is one of our very popular physicians.

Mr. Edward Webster, 325 Nebraska avenue, has added an addition to his already nice home which has added much to its beauty as well as to its convenience. He added one room and bath.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Tillery of Seneca, Kas., are in the city, the guests of their son, Dr. E. B. Tillery, 610 Parallel avenue. They report things in the country in fine shape and every farmer prosperous.

We are sending out several letters this week to those whom we have been unable to find at their address. We hope they will respond at once, as we shall be forced to cut them off the list unless they do.

The Ladies' American Woodman Band furnished music for the American Woodman Grand Lodge, and also for the Masonic celebration on the 4th. The ladies are doing splendidly and are open for engagements.

Quite a few of the C. M. E. Church folks are arranging to spend Sunday in Excelsior Springs, Mo., where a big Camp Meeting is now in progress. The meeting will close Sunday with old fashioned basket dinner, to which all are invited.

Mr. Vernon Wilburn, a young man who has been in the employ of one of the best white photographers in this city, has opened a place for himself at 1120 Armstrong avenue, and hopes to have the patronage of his people. Mr. Wilburn is all that he professes to be, and only needs a trial to prove his ability.

Prof. Reynolds, our efficient music instructor at Sumner High, who was a delegate to the National A. A. C. P., which convened in Cleveland, O., has returned, having visited New York and Chicago upon his return trip. He reports an excellent meeting.

Mrs. M. Downey of Denver, Col., who has been in the city for quite awhile visiting her brother, Mr. A. G. Estes, on Haskell avenue, will return to her home in a few days. She reports a most delightful visit and is loath to go, but duty calls and she must obey.

There is a church over here in Kansas that boasts that it has been paying its pastor \$100 every month for sixteen years and has never owed him any back money, having always kept their pastor paid in full. We claim this is a record that any church should feel proud of. The same church is building and paying for her work as she proceeds.

William Basil Swancy, the son of C. P. Swancy, sr., who has been down in Kansas in the harvest for the past three weeks, sent his mother a case of nice fresh country eggs, which she highly appreciated, since the cost here is almost prohibitive. William says he will stick until all the harvest is garnered, as he intends to enter business for himself when he returns and is using the harvest to place him at his goal.

The Fourth was celebrated at Heathwood Park and a very pleasant and profitable time was had. The committee spared no pains in trying to make it pleasant for all who were present. The Shriners of Allah Temple No. 6 of the Oasis of Missouri came over with their patrol and helped make the outing a success. We are sorry so few of the Masonic brethren in Kansas took so little interest in the occasion. Instead of the different orders meeting the Missouri boys, we only saw about two of the fraternity present to welcome them and march to the park with them. We know that the brothers from across the Kaw were sorely disappointed. Other than this, the picnic was a success.

THE 805TH PIONEER INFANTRY, A. E. F. RETURNS.

Kansas City, Kansas, turned out in full to welcome the return of the boys of the 805th Pioneer Infantry. This company was made up principally of boys from Kansas City, Kansas, and every citizen was out to pay them honor. The city streets were decorated with American flags and appropriate placards of encouragement, one of which read, "Our Boys: Who Are They?—The 805th," and many other that were very appropriate. The crowds began to gather about 4 o'clock p. m. and by the time the boys arrived there was scarcely breathing space upon the platform of the depot. Amid the cheers, blowing of horns and the firing of guns with the bands playing, the boys arrived and immediately detoured and formed a line of march to Huron Park in the heart of the city, where they were given an open air reception and a chance to visit with their relatives, sweethearts, wives and friends. The committee spared no pains in trying to make the boys feel their welcome and no company that has returned has been more royally entertained. Much thanks are due our big hearted Mayor, Mr. McDaniel, who assisted in making it possible for us to honor our returned heroes. A finer specimen of manhood we have never seen. The boys all were looking fit to have caught not only the Kaiser but anybody. After spending several hours in the park the boys marched to the station accompanied by the same large crowd and boarded the train for Camp Funston, where they will be given their discharge. We are proud of our boys and hope that they are proud of us, as we did all we could to show them our appreciation for their noble deeds upon the battle fields of France.

MT. PLEASANT BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. J. R. Richardson, Pastor. This being the first Sunday in the month, we held Communion services and a glorious meeting was had. After the pastor preached one of those beautiful New Testament subjects concerning the crucifixion of Jesus, every Christian in the house was ready to partake of the Lord's Supper. The meeting was a success both spiritually and financially. The Bible Class as usual was very well attended and the lesson well rendered. The contest between the Sisters and Brothers was still on and after Sister Ford rallied her forces the men were forced to give back the ground which they succeeded in taking on the last Sunday. The men raised \$66.00 and the women raised \$94.75. This money is in the form of a pledge. 100 members have pledged to give \$2.00 each for three consecutive Sundays. The Pastor says if they will give him this amount for that period of time he will go the top, so we are taking him at his word and are trying to do that much. Let each and every one do his part for the church which is being erected to be an honor for the coming generations. The Sunday School was well attended and the lesson well recited. The collection was \$7.82. The evening services were well attended and the Pastor preached one of Zion's noble sermons. Mrs. Hayes, 322 Parallel Ave., Mrs. McEwen, 1321 Walnut and Mrs. Stokes are on the sick list. The total collection for the day was \$195.89.

C. M. E. CHURCH. Rev. H. L. Bolden, Pastor. The Sunday School opened at the usual hour, with all the officers present. The delegates having returned from the convention at Ft. Scott, Kas., one of them made a report. The delegates report a splendid session and enjoyable time. The morning service was conducted by Rev. Shavers. This being the first Sunday in the month, we had General Class and all of our hearts were made to rejoice and feel thankful that we came into the house of the Lord. We also had with us at the morning service the following ministers, Rev. C. H. Anderson of Lawrence, Kas., and Rev. L. A. Story of Eldorado, Kas. Mrs. Lottie Story was also a visitor.

The Women's Missionary Society was called to meet at 2 o'clock and a very successful meeting was held. Rev. L. A. Story conducted the evening service and preached a very stirring sermon, subject "The Safety and Greatness of the House." Rev. Story is a splendid speaker and we hope he will come again. The Auxiliary Board meets with Mrs. Hattie Hulsey, 250 North Mill street, Thursday, July 11th. Mrs. Eliza Montgomery, president; Mrs. J. Owens, secretary. The Stewards Board, No. 2, will meet at the residence of Mrs. Ida Hamilton, on Garfield and Walnut Boulevard, Thursday evening, to which all are invited. Mrs. C. P. Johnson, president; Mrs. B. Monroe, secretary. The collection for the day was \$27.69.

PLEASANT GREEN BAPTIST CHURCH. Rev. George McNeal, Pastor. Of all the services that we have during the Sabbath, there is none to compare with our five o'clock service. We meet in the cool of the morning and lift up our voices in love and adoration unto God and receive strength to carry on the days labor. We believe in prayer and those who attend this service are sure of a blessing. The 11 o'clock service was conducted by the Pastor and we had a glorious meeting. The Choir rendering some very sweet music. The Sunday School was well attended and the Superintendent and Teachers were all present. The lesson was well rendered. The B. Y. P. U. held its regular service and much interest is being manifested in the topics. We want to see many more in attendance.

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At 8:00 p. m. we listened to a masterful sermon by Rev. P. J. Jackson and our hearts were made to rejoice and feel glad that we had come unto the House of the Lord. We had one candidate for baptism and many more who asked for prayer. Sisters Dovie Booker and A. E. Hayde are on the sick list. We miss them from the church and hope for them a speedy recovery. Our church work is moving along nicely and every once in a while we invite you to come down and be with us in our services. The collection for the day was \$60.00.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH.

Rev. Mose Williams, Pastor. Sunday school at 10:00 a. m. was well attended and quite an interest shown in the lesson. The Pastor had charge of the morning service and used as his subject "The Old Time Religion." He preached a grand and noble sermon and we were made to rejoice. There were six joiners at this service as candidates for baptism. The Missionary Circle met at 1:00 p. m. and had a splendid meeting with a large attendance. The B. Y. P. U. met at 6:30 p. m. and the topic for discussion was very interesting and instructive. At 8:00 p. m. the Pastor again conducted the service and using as his subject "Ask for the old way" preached as we have never heard him preach before and the church was filled with the Holy Ghost and while many rejoiced to know that they were on the Lord's Side, five came forward and were added to the church as candidates for baptism. We had an old fashioned Covenant Meeting at 3:00 p. m. and many there were that told their Christian experience. This was one of the best meetings of the day as we all had a chance to preach. We raised in our general collection for the day \$114.00. We were indeed fortunate in having with us during last week an African Prince of a Royal family, who could speak 12 different languages. He spoke for us and we enjoyed his talk. Our services are all well attended and Rev. Williams is a God sent preacher of the Gospel who at all times gives the Manna from on high. We pray that he may live long and do much for the Masters cause.

SERMON BY REV. MOSE WILLIAMS

Subject: "All At It." Text: "Enlarge the place of thy tent, let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitation, spare not, lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes." Isaiah 54:2. Most worthy Grand Master, officers, members of the United Brothers of Friendship and Sisters of the Mystical Tens: A kind providence has brought us here today in an annual thanksgiving service. A year ago some who filled their places and sat with us to learn, have run the mortal race, never to return.

During the past two years many note worthy, as well as disastrous events have taken place in our Nation, but unto him who hath declared that, "I will never leave, nor forsake you," we are indebted and dwell securely beneath the shadow of his wing. The past year has brought abundant success regardless of the hard work and toil or the many implements that have been placed in our way to hinder our progress. The abiding presence of the unseen of the universe has kept us ever in the upward way—with grateful hearts, with uplifted hands, with hymns of praise we gather here today to praise God for his bountiful blessings bestowed upon us. Many and varied have been the conditions surrounding our membership. Floods, and storms on one hand and the silent visitation of the Grim Reaper on the other; but out of all the Lord has brought us safe thus far and we are permitted to "clasp the hand of our Brother and Sister in unity" and to experience the heart-throb impelling us onward and upward in the mystic realms of "Justice, Mercy and Truth."



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While we pause in our daily avocations, and think of those who have fallen asleep, those of our ranks who have gathered the drapery of their couch, and laid down to pleasant dreams in the mute-tongued city of the dead—while we are inclined today to shed a tear as we think of their lives at one time with us, yet we must bow our heads in humble submission to Him who doeth all things well.

In this season of the year when the earth is kissed by the genial rays of sunshine, when the song birds salute the opening days, and the dew-bathed flowers dance to the music of the breeze; the blast of the trumpet is heard in almost every state of the Union. A multitude under the banner

of "Justice, Mercy and Truth" can be found today, rendering thanks to Almighty God from whom all blessings flow.

An organization like ours, having for its aims the relief of the poor, the education of the orphan, administering to the sick, the care of the widows, and the burial of the dead, will ever find friends and advocates among the good and generous in every land and clime, therefore, we call your attention to the text: "Enlarge the place of thy tent, let them stretch forth the curtains of thy habitation, spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes."

This text suggests a promise to Israel of great increase and God, persistent protection. The eloquent Isaiah predicts for Israel an enlargement of her number, and comforts her with the promise that God would never forsake her.

The lessons taught from the text: 1. The future of the church; 2. Her fruitfulness; 3. Her enlargement; 4. Her intimate relation to God; 5. Her future glory.

In the first thought the person addressed is the ideal Zion who is practically identical with the spiritual Israel; second, the fruitfulness of the church is shown in the first verse, where Isaiah exhorts Israel to sing even though she be barren.

To an Israelitish mind nothing was more forcible to suggest the idea of desolation and sorrow in a Nation, or spiritual community than a childless woman.

The select few that composed the church under the Old Testament were soon to be scattered to the four winds of the earth, nevertheless, whenever these would be scattered some would never forget God.

This dispersion of God's people would make His church grow in all the world.

Third, the tent life was the custom of the Orientals. After deliverance from Egypt, the people served God in movable tents, and lived in tents, and as the families increased the tents were made larger, the cords had to be made longer, and the stakes stronger. The fulfillment of this prophecy came to pass under the gospel dispensation.

Again, the glory of the united hosts of Christendom is indescribable. Isaiah caught a glimpse of it as he looked through the vista of the future. He cast his eyes over the fords of the Jordan to the plains of Bethlehem. He saw the Mount of Transfiguration bathing its holy head in the ineffable splendors of the New Jerusalem. Lo, there came to his vision Mount Calvary. It retreated into the shape of a skull.

He heard the hammer's ring, he saw a royal king in disguise, a man of sorrows acquainted with grief, enter the arena and fight like a gladiator.

He saw the hosts of hell, armed with fiery darts cast their lances in his side. He looked further and saw this gladiator, a man of war, with dyed garments on, death, and hell chained to his chariot wheel, declaring that all power was in his hands.

He looked further away to the Isles of Patmos with John the beloved, he saw the church in her glory, the place of her tent was so enlarged until there appeared a new earth, and a new heaven, and the Holy City, the New Jerusalem came down from God out of heaven as a bride adorned for her husband.

Most worthy Grand Master, United Brothers of Friendship, and Sisters of the Mystical Tens—the great lesson taught from the text is suitably applied to you today.

This secret organization had its origin among the lowly and humble of God's creation.

It was in the Month of August, 1861, in Rude Garrett in Louisville, Ky.; when the hearts of Marshall N. Taylor, William N. Hasleten, Charles B. Morgan and a few other were fired up to do something to uplift humanity.

They saw a race neglected and oppressed, the outcast of society and the chattel of slavery.

Unlike Garrison, Sumner, Beecher and Lovejoy whose bolts of oratory crossed the Atlantic, wrapped the whole of Europe in a mantle of sympathy for the American slave. They seized no U. S. arsenal to liberate the oppressed, they built upon a firmer foundation. They launched into the world a craft that would swim in every storm and gale. They pitched a tent and erected a temple of virtue that Egypt, telling of its noble workmen, and their service to God and humanity.

We have passed the 58th milestone of our organization. Founded as it was, shaped and finished in the untortured minds of the Black Man, this organization is most wonderful in its magnitude. Started fifty-eight years ago with five humble members, known only in Louisville, Ky.

But today climbing round by round, and step by step, we have over half million members and property throughout the United States to the actual value of more than \$1,500,000, cash money in the bank to the credit of various departments \$900,000. This institution is not copied from the White Man's secret orders; not a White Man or Woman is allowed membership in it.

The Brotherhood Department consists of five degrees. The Sister's Department of three degrees. The children's department of one degree.

The U. B. F. had scarcely been organized when they saw the necessity of enlarging the place of their tent, they stretched forth the curtains of their habitation by connecting to themselves a female department, known as the S. M. T.

Throughout the medium of this department the band of protection, and the ties of charity have been thrown around the wives, sisters and daughters. More than 21 states and one territory of the Union, and two foreign countries have been brought under the influence of these loyal sisters.

They are propagating the truths advanced by this order. Sweet are these mysteries, bearing the fruits of

peace, honor, purity, temperance, fidelity, patience, charity, justice, mercy and truth.

This order is doing more to bind men and women together in mutual service than any other organization of human origin.

A number of other states boast of their costly buildings and lodge homes for the good of the race and to the credit of the U. B. F. & S. M. T. But the U. B. F. of Kansas is not a whit behind.

It is easily the largest organization in the state. It is Phoenix in its growth, yet young in years, but destined to become the most powerful secret organization in this section of the country.

It is just eleven years old in the State of Kansas.

It started in the state with the Honorable Mr. Jones as Grand Master, with four temples and three lodges. Mr. Jones, after serving a little more than a year yielded the gavel to Rev. G. McNeil who with God as his counselor and the Holy Spirit as his guide has succeeded in doing things worthy of note in history.

Rev. McNeil took hold of the work amidst discouragements, and trials, but with faith in God, honest, and true to his calling he has succeeded today in bringing together this vast number of people in their annual service to pay tribute to their God.

We are not here to praise our great leaders, like John W. Jones, the modern Moses, and the Rev. G. McNeil. The modern Joshua who knows no failure, nor discouragements. But we are here to thank God for our growth, and its expansion in every part of our jurisdiction.

The fields are already ripe for harvest, the increasing members swelling our ranks each year, tell us to enlarge the place of our tent, stretch forth the curtains and spare not, lengthen the cords, and tighten the stakes of our order.

To be a true U. B. F. we must not hate our brother, all envy, strife, malice and jealousy must be put away.

All, however different in our walks of life, are brothers. There is no high class, nor low class, no lines drawn here, the humble and lowly have the same chance as the exalted and the honored.

We should speak evil of no man, we should not be too haughty to ask pardon for wrong, be patient with all men, give alms to the poor, be kind to the distressed, stop the ear to the tattler, hold an angry tongue, think before speaking, and hear before judging.

Brothers and Sisters, we must be moved by ideals. We need to see visions, and dream dreams of greater possibilities for the future of the order.

The juveniles are watching us. You set before them the proper examples and the curtains of our tent will cover this entire western country.

The best that is in us must be laid at the altar, if we would realize the fulfillment of our highest destiny.

We must be men and women of refinement of spirit; breadth of sympathy, depth of insight, sincerity and honesty of purpose. We must have clean thoughts, clean speech and clean lives.

We must have men and women whom the lust of office cannot kill; men and women whom the spoils of office cannot buy.

Men and women who possess opinion and will. Men and women who can stand before a demagogue and brave their treachery, their flattery, without winking; strong sun-burnt, who live above the fog of public duties and private thinking.

The U. B. F. is not a secret society in the strictest sense. Its secrets

only exist in knowing who are likely to be hostile to its purposes. This order is strictly a charitable organization. To the poor it is a friend in need and a friend indeed.

The stretching forth of the curtains is due to the fact that the materials of our order are the chosen people of God.

Ethiopia is stretching forth her hands unto God, and out of her are coming forth Princes, Governors and Rulers.

Fifty-eight years ago four millions and a half of slaves were emancipated, turned loose without money, property and almost without friends. They came from bondage unlettered, uneducated, clothed the mantle of poverty.

Foxes had holes, birds had nests, beasts had hiding places, but the black man had nowhere to lay his weary head.

The North gave the Black Man his freedom, but did not give him his wealth. He accumulated his wealth in the country where he was in bondage, rented old worn-out farms, worked at low wages, in season and out of season. (Continued on Page 4.)

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